

**REMARKS**

*Status of the Claims*

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-24 will be pending in the application. Of these, claims 1, 9 and 17 are independent. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, 17 and 21 are sought to be amended. Applicant believes that these changes introduce no new matter. Entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

*Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103*

Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 17, 18, 19, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,337,455 (hereinafter referred to as “Agnihotri”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,283,644 (hereinafter referred to as “Dorai”) and U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/016106 (hereinafter referred to as “Schrempp”). Claims 4 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri, Dorai, Schrempp and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,704,932 (hereinafter referred to as “Matsunaga”). Claims 5 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri, Dorai, Schrempp and in further view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0066078 (hereinafter referred to as “Bjorgan”). Claims 7 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri, Dorai, Schrempp and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,436,653 (hereinafter referred to as “Ellis”). Claims 9, 10, 14 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri in view of Dorai. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri in view of Dorai and

Schrempp. Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri in view of Dorai and Matsunaga. Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri in view of Dorai and Bjorgan. Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agnihotri in view of Dorai and Ellis. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the following reasons.

The amended independent claims each include similar features of: wherein the fingerprint control protocol includes an Internet protocol header, a user datagram protocol header, a real-time transport protocol header, a FlexMux header, and a synchronization layer header. A careful review of the cited references, either taken alone or in combination, failed to teach or suggest the claimed feature. For at least this reason, amended independent claims 1, 9 and 17 and their respective dependent claims are distinguishable from the cited references, either taken alone or in combination. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections to these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicant does not otherwise concede the correctness of the Office Action's rejection with respect to any of the dependent claims discussed above. Accordingly, Applicant hereby reserves the right to make additional arguments as may be necessary to further distinguish the dependent claims from the cited references, taken alone or in combination, based on additional features contained in the dependent claims that were not discussed above. A detailed discussion of these differences is believed to be unnecessary at this time in view of the basic differences in the independent claims pointed out above.

**INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW**

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, Molly A. McCall, at (703) 633-0931 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of objections and rejections have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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